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Eagle Rifle Set to Host SoCon Championships This Weekend
Georgia Southern looking to defend its air rifle conference crown
Women's Rifle
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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern rifle closes out the 2019-20 season this weekend at the Southern Conference Rifle Championships, hosting the two-day event at the Shooting Sports Education Center on campus. Admission for both days is free.

The SoCon will crown team champions in both the smallbore and air rifle disciplines as well as an overall champion. In addition, individual champions will be crowned in each discipline. Smallbore competition will take place Saturday, followed by air rifle on Sunday.

The Schedule *

Saturday, March 7 (Smallbore)

8-9:45 am - Relay 1 ([Amelia Pierce](#), Point 3; [Lillian Herring](#), Point 12)

10:30 am-12:15 pm - Relay 2 ([Gabby Morrow](#), Point 12)

1-2:45 pm - Relay 3 ([Ashley Judson](#), Point 12)
4 pm - Smallbore finals (Top 8 scorers)

Sunday, March 8 (Air Rifle)

7:45-9 am - Relay 1 ([Amelia Pierce](#), Point 12)
9:45-11 am - Relay 2 ([Ashley Judson](#), Point 3; [Gabby Morrow](#), Point 12)
11:45 am-1 pm - Relay 3 ([Lillian Herring](#), Point 3)
2:15 pm - Air Rifle finals (Top 8 scorers)
3:15 pm - Awards Ceremony

* - all firing points subject to change

Eight teams will be competing for the 2020 title. UAB, The Citadel (co-ed and women's teams), Georgia Southern, North Georgia, VMI (co-ed and women's teams) and Wofford will compete this weekend.

The 2020 SoCon Rifle Championship will be contested at Georgia Southern's Shooting Sports Education Center for the second straight season.

UAB won its first SoCon Rifle Championship in 2019. UAB's Michael Dietz and The Citadel's Isabelle Blystone were named co-freshman of the year while Georgia Southern head coach [Sandra Worman](#) and UAB's head coach Lori Goodwin were named co-coaches of the year. Air rifle champion [Rosemary Kramer](#) of Georgia Southern was named the Air Rifle Athlete of the Year, while Dietz was named the Smallbore Athlete of the Year and North Georgia's Tobin Sanctuary won the individual title. UAB's Holly Hayes earned the Pinnacle Award as the student-athlete with the highest GPA on the championship-winning team.

UAB won the smallbore title on the first day of the championship before Georgia Southern claimed air rifle the following day.

Rifle returned to the SoCon in 2017, adding to the conference's rich rifle history. Current members The Citadel have won a league-best 10 team titles and VMI claimed two titles during the league's first incarnation (1956-85). West Virginia's John Writer, the 1965 and 1966 SoCon individual champion, won a gold medal in the 1972 Munich Olympic Games and a silver in 1968 in Mexico City, both in rifle three positions. ETSU became a player on the national scene from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s, winning seven straight SoCon titles and placing third at the inaugural NCAA Championships in 1980. The Bucs finished no worse than fourth at the NCAA Championships each year from 1980-85. North Georgia won the first two team titles since the return of SoCon rifle before UAB and GS cracked the podium last year.

Live scoring will be available and a link will be placed on the Championship page above.

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